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# HOUSE BILL No. 2134

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-1-20.5-10; IC 20-10.1

**Synopsis:** ISTEP diploma certification. Provides that a student is not required to pass the grade 10 ISTEP examination in order to graduate from high school. Provides for the placement of an ISTEP+ diploma seal on the high school diploma of a graduate who passes the grade 10 ISTEP examination. Provides that a student who does not pass the grade 10 ISTEP examination may be retested in any school year with the consent of the student's parent. Repeals references to the graduation examination and the obsolete grade 12 examination.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 20-1-20.5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.146-1999,  
2       SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 10. The roundtable shall review and recommend  
4       to the board for the board's approval the following:  
5               (1) The academic standards under IC 20-10.1-16 for all grade  
6               levels from kindergarten through grade 12.  
7               (2) The content and format of the ISTEP program, including ~~the~~  
8               ~~following: (A) The graduation examination. (B) the passing~~  
9               scores required at the various grade levels tested under the ISTEP  
10              program.  
11       SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-16-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.193-1999,  
12       SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
13       JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 8. (a) The state superintendent shall develop an  
14       ISTEP program testing schedule in which:  
15               (1) each student in grades 3, 6, 8, and 10 must be tested; and  
16               (2) ~~each a student who does not meet the educational~~  
17               **proficiency standard tested in the grade 10 must take a**



~~graduation examination~~ **may retake the grade 10 examination in any school year with the consent of the student's parent.**

The board shall adopt rules to establish when a student is considered to be in grade 10 for purposes of initially taking the graduation examination.

(b) A student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1) shall be tested under this chapter with appropriate accommodations in testing materials and procedures unless the individuals who develop the child's individualized education program determine that testing under this chapter, or a part of the testing, is not appropriate for the student and that an alternate assessment will be used to test the student's achievement.

(c) Any decision with regard to a student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1) to participate in testing under this chapter, to receive accommodations in testing materials and procedures, to participate in remediation under IC 20-10.1-17, or to be retained at the same grade level for consecutive school years shall be made in accordance with the child's individualized education program, subject to the ISTEP program manual, and federal law.

SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-16-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section, "diploma" means a certificate of graduation that a governing body issues to a student to certify that the student has satisfied the minimum requirements for high school graduation.**

**(b) As used in this section, "diploma seal" means an appropriate indicator that is imprinted, impressed, or otherwise affixed to a student's diploma to certify that the student has satisfied the minimum requirements for receiving a diploma with the indicator.**

**(c) A governing body of a school corporation or governing authority of a nonpublic school must provide an ISTEP+ diploma seal to a student who receives:**

**(1) a diploma; and**

**(2) a passing score on the grade 10 examination under the ISTEP program.**

SECTION 4. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: IC 20-10.1-16-1.5; IC 20-10.1-16-13; IC 20-10.1-16-14.

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